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TAGS: PORG, OAS, SHUM  
SUBJ: LOCAL PRESS RAISES QUESTION AS TO GOB ABSENCE AT OASGA  
HUMAN RIGHTS VOTE

REF: LA PAZ 4824

1. ARTICLES IN TWO MAJOR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS (DIARIO, JUNE 25, PRESENCIA JUNE 26) CRITICIZED BOLIVIA'S QUOTE INEXPLICABLE ABSENCE UNQUOTE DURING RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS VOTE AT OASGA. A COLUMN BY ONE OF BOLIVIA'S MOST PROMINENT COMMENTATORS, PAULOVICH, POINTS OUT THAT BOLIVIA'S PRESIDENT BANZER AND TOERH SENIOR GOB OFFICIALS HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED THE GOB'S RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHT, AND YET THE GOVERNMENT FAILED TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED AT THE OASGA. THE SHORT DIARIO ARTICLE SAID THAT BOLIVIAN NATIONAL OPINION, WHICH HAD FOLLOWED THE OASGA HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE WITH GREAT INTEREST, WAITS FOR AN OFFICIAL CLARIFICATION AND FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND BOLIVIA'S DEPARTURE FROM THE SESSIONS WHEN NATIONS SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEFINING THEIR POSITION.

2. EMBASSY NOT YET AWARE OF REASONS FOR GOB'S FAILURE TO BE PRESENT WHEN VOTE TAKEN AND PLANS TO RAISE QUESTION WITH APPROPRIATE GOB OFFICIALS AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY.  
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